

F. International Tolerances

There are no Codex maximum residue levels (MRL) established for residues of lambda-cyhalothrin in or on avocados; cereal grain crop group: grain, forage, hay, straw, aspirated grain dust, bran, flour; fruiting vegetable crop group; peas and beans - edible podded crop subgroup; peas and beans - succulent shelled crop subgroup; peas and or beans - dried shelled subgroup. (Beth Edwards)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[PP 5E4597; FRL-5746-7]

Milliken & Company; Correction of Pesticide Petition

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of correction.

SUMMARY: This notice corrects and extends the comment period of pesticide petition (PP) 5E4597, submitted by Milliken & Company proposing to establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for Poly(ethylene glycol) modified FD&C Blue No. 1, Methyl Poly(ethylene glycol) modified FD&C Blue No. 1, and Poly(ethylene glycol) modified Methyl Violet 2B. Pesticide petition 5E4597, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 29, 1997 (62 FR 45804). EPA is extending the comment period to allow additional time for comment.

DATES: The comment period is extended to October 29, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Amelia Acierto, Registration Division, (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: 4th Floor, CS #1, 2800 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA (703)-308-8377; e-mail: ascierto.amelia@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA issued a Notice of Filing in the **Federal Register** of August 29, 1997 (62 FR 45804) (PF-758; FRL-5738-2) for pesticide petitions (PP) 3E4246, 7F4845, and 5E4597. This notice corrects PP 5E4597.

In FR Doc. 97-23097, in the issue for August 29, 1997, on page 45808, in the third column, in the first paragraph under PP 5E4597, the phrase "not to exceed 0.6 parts per billion (ppb)," should be corrected to read "not to

exceed 1 to 5% of the final formulation."

List of subjects

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136a.

Dated: September 25, 1997.

James Jones,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Publication of Recommendations Relating to HIPAA Health Data Standards

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Section 1172 (f), Subtitle F of Pub. L. 104-191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish in the Federal Register any recommendation of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS) regarding the adoption of a data standard under that law. On September 9, the NCVHS submitted recommendations to the Secretary relating to the unique identifier for payers, the unique identifier for individuals, and security standards. Accordingly, the full text of the NCVHS recommendations relating to HIPAA data standards is reproduced below. The text of the recommendations is also available on the NCVHS website: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Administrative Simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), the Secretary of Health and Human Services is required to adopt standards for specified administrative health care transactions to enable information to be exchanged electronically. The law requires that, within 24 months of adoption, all health plans, health care clearinghouses and health care providers who choose to conduct these transactions electronically must comply with these standards. Further, the law requires the

Secretary to submit to Congress detailed recommendations on standards with respect to the privacy of individually identifiable health information. In preparing these reports and recommendations, the Secretary is required to consult with the NCHVHS, the statutory public advisory body to HHS on health data, privacy and health information policy. On September 9, the Committee submitted recommendations to the Secretary relating to the unique identifier for payers, the unique identifier for individuals, and security standards.

Accordingly, the full text of the NCVHS recommendations relating to HIPAA data standards is reproduced below.

Recommendations Relating to the National PAYERID

September 9, 1997.

The Honorable Donna E. Shalala,
Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Shalala: On behalf of the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS), I am pleased to forward to you our recommendations relating to another of the health data standards being proposed for adoption in accordance with the administrative simplification provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The NCVHS is very pleased to provide support, advice and consultation to you in this effort.

The NCVHS has been briefed on the proposal for the national standard for identifiers for health plans or PAYERID, and we offer our strong support. The proposal includes a nine digit numeric identifier that would be assigned to all health plans. The identifier includes a check digit and contains no embedded intelligence. We recommend that HHS proceed to publish the proposal for public comment without delay. In the interests of operational efficiency and simplification, we suggest that the Department also leave open the option of moving to an alphanumeric identifier in the future. While public comments are likely to on the technical details of the number and the optimal approach to enumeration, we have found broad support for the proposal in general and urge you to proceed.

The Committee did identify one concern that we bring to your attention. The PAYERID, as proposed, replaces the plan ID and sub ID used in current transactions. The sub ID is currently used for electronic routing, and concern has been expressed that this function will be lost. We recommend that this functionality be addressed before the final rule is issued.

We appreciate your national leadership in health data standards, electronic data interchange and privacy, and we are privileged to work with you on these issues.